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SUBJ: IAEA SAFEGUARDS MEETINGS IN 1976

1. VON BAECKMANN, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENT, DSI, HAS PROVIDED MISSION WITH FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING SAFEGUARDS MEETINGS DURING 1976. CURRENT PLANNING IS FOR FIVE ADVISORY GROUP (A.G.) MEETINGS, ONE OF WHICH HAS ALREADY TAKEN PLACE, AND SOME EIGHT TO TEN CONSULTANTS MEETINGS, THREE OF WHICH HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE. EACH MEETING IS TENTATIVELY PLANNED TO LAST A FULL WEEK.

2. CONSULTANTS MEETING ON TRAINING PROGRAM FOR STATES SYSTEMS PERSONNEL WAS HELD IN FEBRUARY AND ATTENDED BY G. HAMMOND (ERDA). THIS WAS IN PREPARATION FOR ADVISORY GROUP MEETING ON SAME SUBJECT HELD MARCH 1-5 AND ATTENDED BY W. GILBERT (ERDA).

3. CONSULTANTS MEETING ON CONTROL OF QUALITY OF NON-DESTRUCTIVE ANALYSES OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS IN SAFEGUARDS VERIFICATIONS ACTIVITIES AND PHYSICAL STANDARDS WAS HELD IN MARCH AND ATTENDED BY H. MENLOVE (LASL). THIS WAS IN PREPARATION FOR ADVISORY GROUP MEETING ON SAME

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SUBJECT WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 8-11.

4. CONSULTANTS MEETING FOR PREPARING COORDINATED RESEARCH PROGRAM ON USE OF INSTALLED INSTRUMENTS IN REPROCESSING FACILITIES FOR SAFEGUARDS IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 10-14. G. MOLEN (AGNS) AND H. MENLOVE (LASL) ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND.

5. NEXT MEETING OF STANDING ADVISORY GROUP ON SAFEGUARDS IMPLEMENTATION (SAGSI) IS SCHEDULED DURING WEEK BEGINNING MAY 31. THERE IS POSSIBILITY OF A SECOND SAGSI MEETING LATER IN 1976 BUT NO DECISION ON THIS HAS BEEN MADE.

6. ADVISORY GROUP ON TECHNIQUES AND METHODS OF EVALUATING SAFEGUARDS EFFECTIVENESS IS BEING CONSIDERED, BUT NO DATE FOR THIS HAS BEEN SET AND NO FIRM DECISION MADE ON HAVING IT. IF SAGSI HAS A SECOND MEETING THIS YEAR. SAGSI MAY ADDRESS THIS SUBJECT.

7. CONSULTANTS MEETING ON REVIEW OF TECHNICAL OBJECTIVES OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS ACTIVITIES UNDER AGREEMENTS PURSUANT TO INFCIRC/66/REV. 2 IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER. THIS WOULD BE IN PREPARATION FOR AN ADVISORY GROUP ON SAME SUBJECT TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 1-5. NO FINAL DECISION, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN MADE ON WHETHER TO HOLD THESE TWO MEETINGS. VON BAECKMANN SAID THAT IF DECISION IS MADE NOT TO HOLD MEETINGS THIS YEAR ON THIS SUBJECT, THEY MAY BE REPLACED BY MEETING ON SOME OTHER, AS YET UNSPECIFIED, SAFEGUARDS SUBJECT.

8. IAEA OVER PAST FEW YEARS HAS HELD NUMBER OF CONSULTANTS AND ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS ON SAFEGUARDS TECHNICAL MANUAL (STM). THE LATEST OF THESE, A CONSULTANTS MEETING TO REVIEW PARTS A (SAFEGUARDS PRINCIPLES), B (NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES) AND C (INSPECTION PROCEDURES) OF STM WAS HELD JANUARY 19-FEBRUARY 2 AND INVOLVED CONSULTANTS ONLY FROM U.S. (F. HOUCK, ACDA, AND R. SCHNEIDER, BNWL). THE U.S. HAS ALSO BEEN PROVIDING TO IAEA INPUTS FOR STM PARTS D UNCLASSIFIED

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(DATA EVALUATION) AND F (STATISTICAL TECHNIQUES), BUT NO MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD THIS YEAR ON THESE TWO PARTS. VON BAECKMANN THINKS THAT ROMETSCH WILL PUBLISH STM PARTS A, B, C, D, AND F IN ABOUT TWO MONTHS AND THAT THERE MAY BE PERHAPS TWO CONSULTANTS MEETINGS, LATE IN 1976 AND INVOLVING MORE THAN THE US, TO REVIEW THESE PARTS OF STM. THE ONLY PART OF STM PUBLISHED SO FAR IS PART E (METHODS AND TECHNIQUES).

THIS WAS PUBLISHED LAST YEAR AND ONE CONSULTANTS MEETING IS CURRENTLY PLANNED FOR ITS REVIEW ABOUT OCTOBER. VON BAECKMANN NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT PART E COVERS VERY BROAD RANGE OF TECHNOLOGIES AND THINKS HE MAY HOLD TWO OR THREE DIFFERENT CONSULTANTS MEETINGS LATE THIS YEAR FOR REVIEWING THE MAIN SUBJECT AREAS OF PART E.

9. AS CAN BE SEEN THERE REMAINS CONSIDERABLE UNCERTAINTY EVEN AT THIS LATE DATE AS TO SUBJECTS AND SCHEDULES FOR SAFEGUARDS MEETINGS DURING 1976. THESE UNCERTAINTIES ARE, HOWEVER, LARGELY NOT THE FAULT OF THE IAEA SECRETARIAT BUT REFLECT THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE SECRETARIAT MUST REMAIN RESPONSIVE TO VIEWS OF MEMBER STATES ON THESE MEETINGS AND TO INDEPENDENT DECISIONS BY BODIES SUCH AS SAGSI. MISSION FULLY APPRICIATES THE DIFFICULTIES THIS CAUSES U.S. ORGAINIZATIONS IN PLANNING THEIR SUPPORT FOR THESE MEETINGS, BUT THIS IS THE BEST INFORMATION CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AND CAN PROVIDE A BASIS FOR PLANNING EFFORT NEEDED FOR PREPARATION AND PARTICIPATION IN THESE MEETINGS. MISSION WILL REPORT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SCHEDULES AND SUBSTANCE OF MEETINGS AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE.STONE

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